4th September 1928]

A circular of the High Court regarding appointments in the Civil Courts.

* 89 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the High Court's Circular Dis. No. 707 of 1925, dated 20th March 1925 (copy enclosed)[a]; and

(b) what steps the Government or the High Court take when the circular is disregarded ?

A.—(a) The Government have now read the hon. Member's copy of the High Court's circular referred to.

(b) The High Court takes steps to see that its orders are carried out.

Communal representation in the Judicial department of Nellore, Kurnool and East Godavari districts.

* 90 Q.—Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) what is the proportion of the various communities in the grades 180—10—240, 125—5—150, 80—4—120, 60—4—80, 35—35—1½—50—1—60 and 35—1—40 in the Judicial department of the Nellore, Kurnool and East Godavari districts; and

(b) how many vacancies had arisen in the several grades from 1921 till the end of April 1928, and how they were filled up ?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information.

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA :—"Sir, the answer says the Government have no information. May I request the hon. the Law Member to obtain the information and place it on the table ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"I shall call for information on point (a), but I do not think that any public interest will be served by calling for information on point (b)."

Claims of Indian Christians to Judicial posts.

* 91 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased (i) to place before the Council a statement showing the number of judicial officers including stipendiary magistrates during the year ending 1st July 1928, their nationality, religion, caste, and qualifications; and (ii) to state—

(a) why hardly any or no Indian Christian has been appointed to judicial posts during that period ;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a greater percentage of law graduates and legal practitioners from among Indian Christians than in any other community or caste except Brahmans; and

(c) what action has been or is being taken in regard to the claims of Indian Christians to judicial posts in the High Court and other courts including magisterial courts ?

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 222 infra.